

# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference S80801155		Date of mailing (day/month/year) <b>03 MAR 2005</b>	
International application No. <b>PCT/AU2004/001761</b>		International filing date (day/month/year) 16 December 2004	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC <b>Cl. 7 B63B 35/73</b>			
Applicant <b>CONCEPT TO REALITY PTY LTD et al</b>			

**1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:**

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

**2. FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

**3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material  
 a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material  
 in written format  
 in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing  
 contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 21-23	YES
	Claims 1-20, 24-27	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-27	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-27	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

D1: US 2002/0072285	D7: JP 09136696
D2: US 2003/0167991	D8: US 5531619
D3: US 6461204	D9: US 6508225
D4: DE 19539668	D10: CA 2281401
D5: GB 1385865	D11: JP 2002234495
D6: SU 472063	D12: WO 2001/062347

Novelty (N) Claims 1-20, 24-27

Claim 1: Each of documents D1, and D4-D11 discloses a water-craft propulsion device including an actuation means and timing sequence as claimed.

Claim 24: Each of documents D1, D3 and D12 discloses a water-craft propulsion device including an actuation switch as claimed.

Claims 2-20, 25-27: The features added by these appended claims are disclosed in one or more of D1-D12.

Inventive step (IS) claims 1-27

Claims 1-20, 24-27: As above

Claims 21-23: Each of D2 and D3 discloses a kit and attachment means as defined in the these claims. It is considered that it would be obvious to the person skilled in the art to combine the teachings of D1 with either D2 or D3. These claims thus lack inventive step.